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Inventor(s): Singh

Serial No: 09/824,984

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For: METHODS EMPLOYING
GENERALIZED TARGET-BINDING
E-TAG PROBES

Examiner: J. Tung

Art Unit: 1637

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 27 March 2002 and preliminary to the examination of the Continuing Prosecution Application submitted herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 1, immediately below the section heading "Summary of the Invention," please insert the following amended paragraphs from parent application 09/698,846:

--Methods and compounds are provided for multiplexed determinations, where the compounds can be linked to binding compounds for detection of reciprocal binding compounds

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